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GUAM for Ghana

Fundraising for EWB's Ghana Trip Continues

MARC SCHMITT

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Rose-Hulman chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) hosted a Give Up a Meal (GUAM) night to raise money for their upcoming trip to Ghana. The trip continues their previous work with Gomoa Gyaman, a small village in the South of Ghana, to build sustainable structures for the community. Students with EWB will embark upon their trip over the upcoming quarter break.

The group has worked with the community to increase their standard of living and provide them with basic amenities. A pit latrine has been designed for the community and is expected to last approximately five years, with regular maintenance. On their previous trip last August, a group of six students from EWB began construction on the latrine, and work was completed on the foundation of the planned 365-square-foot structure.

The latrine project has been in the works for over three years, stymied by factors out of the group's control. The project was originally supposed to be started in 2013, however the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa prevented the group from beginning work. It would not be until 2015 when the group would finally be able to start work, after the State Department allowed travel to the region. The upcoming trip is also facing challenges as the Ghana embassy has been slow to issue two of the students travel visas.

Funding for the project comes from a variety of sources. The group holds fundraisers

throughout the year, such as Friday's GUAM, to help cover costs for the group. Rose-Hulman and donors also contribute to the group.

A group of six students will complete the next phase of the latrine project. "Our goal is to finish the superstructure," said EWB team member and sophomore computer engineering student Zhou Zhou. The superstructure, which includes the interior and exterior walls,

interested in going on the trip submitted applications to the EWB executive board, and a diverse set of candidates were selected. In addition to Zhou, Karina Cotel, a sophomore electrical engineering student with a robotics minor and the Marketing Team manager, is one of the younger EWB members joining the team. The other team members include Allison Phillips, a junior civil engineering student, Samantha Starr, a freshman biomedical engineering student, Ross Hunter, a senior biology student, and Nate Bonshire, a senior electrical engineering student.

"I'm most looking forward to meeting the community that I've been putting all these fundraisers on for," said Cotel, who has been in charge of the fundraisers for EWB. "[It's] the people... who [benefit] from all the hard work the whole club does."

The group of students are very dedicated to the community they are helping, and are interested in learning about what life is like there. "I am excited about it," said Zhou about the trip. "It's something to look forward to, because you will never know how life in those countries is like before you go there."

Students who are interested in joining Engineers Without Borders should contact Sanders Park, a senior civil engineering major and co-president of EWB, or Amanda Sparks, a senior civil engineering major and co-president of EWB. Park can be reached at parkms@rose-hulman.edu, and Sparks can be reached at sparksal@rose-hulman.edu.

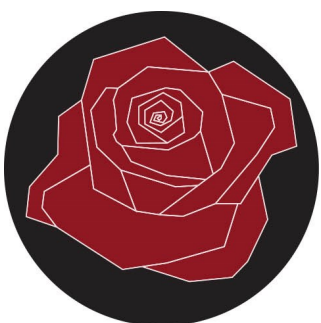


Engineers Without Borders will continue their efforts in Ghana this quarter break.

Photo Courtesy of Engineers Without Borders

as well as the functional aspects of the latrine, will be the priority for the students. "Whatever is above ground will be our focus on this trip," Zhou said.

The students going on the trip are all part of EWB and represent a mix of experience and engineering backgrounds. Members who were



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Let's Get Ready to Rumble

ECE-160 Final Project Takes Hunting Eggs to a New Level

LAUREN WISEMAN

NEWS EDITOR

Winter quarter at Rose-Hulman has a reputation of being particularly more brutal than fall quarter. For this very reason, the ECE-160 final project seemed to up its ante. Instead of a rousing competition with Simon Says like usual, the class constructed robots, pitting them against each other in a mad scramble to collect eggs in a competition called the Ro-Bunny Rumble. Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Dr. Carlotta Berry served as referee and emcee for the event, taking students and spectators alike through the final project of winter quarter.

The first round was actually conducted in class, leaving four other rounds for the event. Each round was composed of five matches per a round. Within the round, students had four minutes in total: a 60-second Robot Set-Up phase, 30 seconds for an Autonomous Mode, and then two and a half minutes for the Teleoperation Mode. For the Teleoperation Mode, the students controlled their robots with remotes, which varied from team to

team. In the Autonomous Mode, robots used their sensors to find the eggs, and more points are offered. Six teams competed to collect as many eggs as possible and put them in the smallest holes on the table. Complicating the event

receiving a penalty and losing 100 points was much worse.

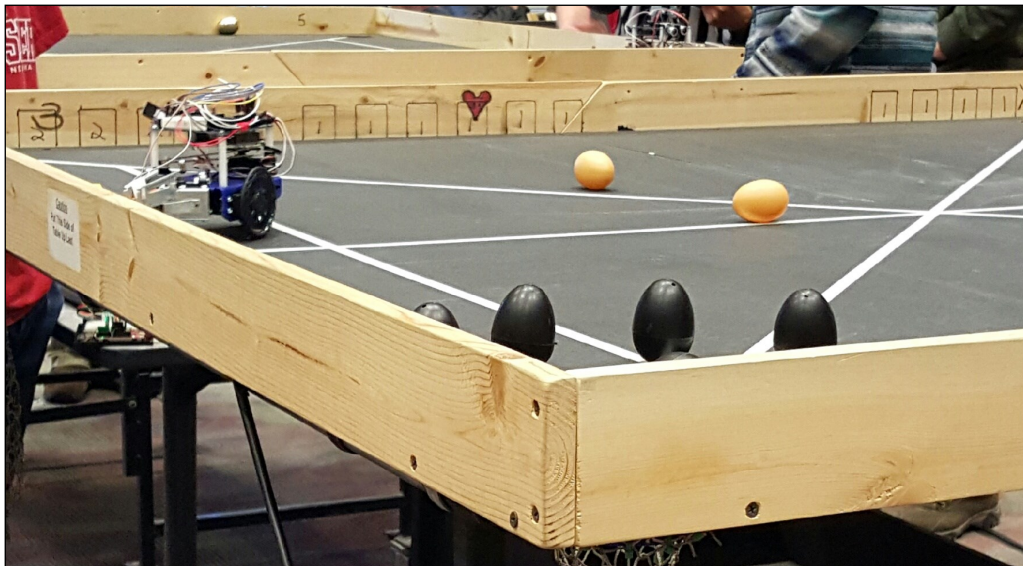
For a team seeking to earn the most points, communication was key. Giving teammates vital directions and letting them know how much time was left seemed

required quick thinking and critical decision making: take the penalty and score more points to compensate, or accept defeat and losing all chance at points?

The teams tended to use two different strategies at the event. Some opted for a pick-up-and-retrieve method, clasp the egg firmly between two panels on the robot, while other teams chose a bulldozer method, pushing the eggs in a line in hopes of sinking them one after the other.

By the end of the event, team Electrocutoners came out on top, with Pyro Space Unicorns and Music, Food, Animals following in second and third. Two other awards were presented: the "Simon Sunshine" Team Spirit Award and the "Ravenous Rabbit" Team Designer Award. The former was for the most boisterous and enthusiastic team, and the latter was for the team with the most efficient and creative design. Both of these awards went to team Hodge Podge Shock.

Future ECE-160 students have something different to look forward to next time. Instead of a Ro-Bunny Rumble, the final project will be a Robot Rodeo.



One of the ECE-160 winter quarter final project robots in action at Thursday's Ro-Bunny Rumble.

Photo by Lauren Wiseman

was a handful of black eggs crowding the smallest hole on the board. For sinking a black egg, a team lost ten points. Of course,

to make the round go smoother. Sometimes, though, teams ran into technical difficulties, like loose wires or a lost signal. This

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Down

1. Obama adviser Emanuel

2. Aoki of the links

3. Hand protector

4. Write with acid

5. Big name in balers and harvesters

6. In the open air

7. Presidential monogram

8. "Old Macdonald" coda

9. Young socialite, for short

10. Jed Clampett's nephew

11. Missed ____ (blew one's entrance)

12. Berlin singer Terri ____

13. USMC noncom

18. Religious dissent

21. Sparkler

23. Journalists' grp.

24. Ph.D. holders

25. Vocalist James

26. Walk at a gentle pace

27. Score settler

28. Gossip notes

29. Beirut's country (abbr.)

31. "Nothing's Gonna Stop ____" (Starship song)

32. Championship

33. Swindler, slangily

38. Bounce back

40. Cherry ____ (Ben & Jerry's offering)

41. Feminists' goal

44. Department of eastern France

45. Hamas rival, for short

46. Formidable opponent

49. Money handler

50. UK facilities

53. Consoling statement

54. Addition column

55. ____ avis

56. Corrosive liquid

58. Acceptance on the street, in slang

59. Metric mass

60. Congers

61. General of chicken fame

63. Hesitant non-fluency

64. Month after avril

65. London-based news provider

Across

1. Coat of frost

5. Distributed charity

10. First mos.

14. "Same ____ ever was"

15. Jazz pianist Blake

16. Bygone French coins

17. Devastating review, say

19. Chinese oil tree

20. May honorees

21. Flemish capital

22. Rudolph and teammates

26. Make ____ of money

30. Nova Scotia city

34. Partners

35. "It is the ____, and Juliet is the sun":

36. Silicon monoxide, chemically

37. "Toodles!"

39. FBI employees

42. NASA moon craft

43. ____ Crunch (cereal brand)

47. Have ____ to play

48. In the past

51. Not as experienced

52. Business-related

54. Tough tests

57. Modern flier's convenience

62. Salt formula

63. Representatives

66. Keystone State city

67. Proportional relationship

68. Scat queen

69. Iraq's ____ City

70. Belarus capital

71. Playground response to "I don't have coolies!"

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Rated: Easy

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5	4				8	1			

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THAD HUGHES

OPINIONS EDITOR

Police Force Utilizing UAV

Ouachita County Sherriff's Office has added a drone to their force. The purchase was made two months ago and has since been used several times.

"To us it's a tool. As long as it's used that way," said Sheriff Norwood. "To go out here and spy on the public, I don't believe in that."

He said the real test came on Feb. 9 to serve a warrant. Aerial video taken that day shows a house law enforcement were watching. Norwood said he was piloting the vehicle, and they were looking for known drug dealer Wesley Dixon.

"There's no reason to run the search warrant if he wasn't at home," said Sheriff Norwood. "The home is located on a dead-end road. So, we flew it in the make sure that the vehicle and all was there, which it was."

The surveying showed more than Dixon being present, but allowed Norwood to determine that another man was present and armed, since as the UAV was turned around, the screen shakes, and the UAV was found slightly damaged.

About five minutes later, several law enforcement officers rushed the house, arresting Dixon, and two others on drug charges.

The sheriff said the drone cost about \$1,300 and would cost only a few dollars to fix, and that they will continue to use it, for more than defense purposes.

"We used it with a forestry, just a few days ago. We were able to see how big the forest fire was.... When we've got trees down from straight line winds, that one tree can block a road, we can use the drone to see where you can get down a road," said Sheriff Norwood.

EU Considering Cutting Cash

The European Union (EU) is considering curbing the use of banknotes and coins, specifically by dumping €500 notes. The push is driven somewhat in an effort to curb illicit trade, but mostly as a means to clear a barrier for pushing interest rates negative.

Deeper negative interest rates provide a clear incentive for lenders to pull money out of central deposit accounts and into cash rather than continuously incur fees, which are levied on funds on deposit with the central bank.

The €500 note enables storage of \$1 billion of currency in only three cubic meters. Eliminating the denomination would make it harder to store large amounts of currency as bills.

The move does not come without criticism. In lieu of the push, Deputy Economy Minister Harald Mahrer says Austrians should have the constitutional right to use cash, and that "we will fight everywhere against rules" including limits on cash purchases.

"We don't want someone to be able to track digitally what we buy, eat and drink, what books we read, and what movies we watch," Mahrer said on Austrian public radio station Oe1.

\$1.78 Trillion in Losses for Investors in 2016 So Far

With the S&P 500 Index plunging 10.5 percent since the first trading day of 2016, \$1.78 trillion of value has been lost for investors, roughly equal to the GDP of Canada in 2014. This comes after years of investor gains- over \$8 trillion over the past 7 years.

The biggest losses are Amazon (\$85.9 billion year-to-date), Bank of America (\$64.2 billion) and Alphabet (Google's holdings firm) (\$50.9 billion).

Global macroeconomic headwinds have influenced falling investor confidence; jittering Chinese economy growth has shaken global markets. The scare of further declining oil prices has been reinforced by OPEC, an oil cartel responsible for 40% of global oil production, which has decided not to reduce oil production quotas.

Economists are unsure of what impact the stock market turmoil will have. Consumer spending is an area of concern; it is uncertain whether losses will translate into decreased spending.

Two Racially Charged Assaults in Brooklyn

Police are investigating a second racially motivated assault in Brooklyn. A 51-year-old Caucasian man told police that he was on Nostrand Avenue near Glenwood Road in East Flatbush when a black man ran up and knocked him to the ground, then saying "This is for Malcom X, cracka," before storming off.

"I came forward to police because I don't want this to happen to anybody else, I'm afraid of the guy knowing where I live and having my windows broken in," said the victim, who requested anonymity.

Earlier in the week, a similar event happened in a Subway on Sunday, Feb.7. Randy Aveille, 44, was getting off a subway when a man came from behind and began hitting him in his face.

"I was walking, and as I was approaching the steps, somebody came from behind me," Aveille said.

A woman present at the scene tried to get the attacker to stay around but refused and spat in her face. She quotes him as saying, "You don't belong here. This is a black neighborhood."

"I don't know what to think, one minute I'm sitting on the train minding my own business," Aveille said. "If you're just looking at somebody and somebody's looking at you, is that a cause for them to assault you?"

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Humanitarian Program Begins at Rose

LAUREN WISEMAN

NEWS EDITOR

Rose-Hulman is always looking for new ways to make the world a better place through various programs on campus. The latest addition to Rose is the Make It Happen (MIH) program. Founded by junior mechanical engineering student Tim Balz and junior engineering physics student Stephen Misak, the goal was to "promote 'making' and a humanitarian mindset through hands-on projects that benefit society."

With the help of mechanical engineering professor Dr. Ashley Bernal and Associate Dean of Innovation Dr. William Kline, the program is already underway after spending fall quarter planning the details. And according to Dr. Kline, "two projects are coming to a completion already" because of Balz and Misak's dedication to the program.

Elaborating on the program goals, Dr. Kline said, "Students will be able to identify a humanitarian need, envision a possible solution, and be able to realize that solution here on campus." No matter the class year or major, all students can contribute. With two or three projects a quarter, there is something for everyone at each stage of a project. MIH



Make it Happen wants to make a difference.

Photo Courtesy of Make It Happen

MIH would be similar to, or partnered with, groups like Home for Environmentally Responsible Engineering (HERE) or Engineers Without Borders (EWB). While the groups have similar objectives, Dr. Kline commented on the similarity between MIH and the Independent Project/Research Opportunities Program (IPROP).

“Students will be able to identify a humanitarian need...and be able to realize [a] solution here on campus.”

also serves as independent study, giving students the opportunity to earn academic credit. The program hit the ground running, and MIH members have already applied their efforts on a global scale. Dr. Kline explained that recently, "The group has already successfully completed a global project in Moldova for a child with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism."

Because of other innovative groups on campus, the question was raised if

Dr. Kline also mentioned that in the future, a collaborative effort across the groups would be welcomed, in addition to ideas for other humanitarian projects. The ultimate goal is to see engineering capabilities applied to solve problems worldwide.

If students want to get involved or have questions about future projects, they can contact the group's founders Tim Balz (balztj@rose-hulman.edu) and Stephen Misak (misaksm@rose-hulman.edu).



At the Make It Happen information session, students learned more about the program's goals for innovative and humanitarian projects.

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Deadpool:

The Merc with a Mouth Makes it Big

Mark Rodger

Opinions Editor Emeritus

Before I begin, I must issue a word of caution to anyone who is thinking of going to see this movie with their family: it is rated R for a very, very good reason. If you have younger family members, don't bring them to see this movie unless you want them to see dismemberment, hear an entire dictionary's worth of swear words, and be exposed to an exuberant amount of nudity and sexual themes. We were sitting next a family that had brought some ~10-year-olds to the movie, and the parents were freaking out half the time trying to cover their eyes. You have been warned. With that out of the way, on to the review.

This is hands-down my second favorite superhero movie that I have ever seen. The only reason it isn't number one is that due to the legal shenanigans surrounding Marvel's various properties. I will never see Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool bantering with Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man, or Deadpool annoying Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury. With the dashed hopes of Deadpool with the Avengers aside, this is an energetic, fresh take on the superhero movie that was sorely needed.

For those who aren't familiar, Deadpool was a mercenary named Wade Wilson (yes he is an unashamed parody of DC's Slade Wilson, a.k.a. Deathstroke) who was diagnosed with severe and terminal cancer. He undergoes experimental treatment to cure it and becomes practically un-killable, able to heal from almost any wound. This comes at the cost of his whole body becoming disfigured, as his cancer wasn't cured but is spreading as fast as his body can fight it. The whole experience leaves Wade a little "off-balance," to

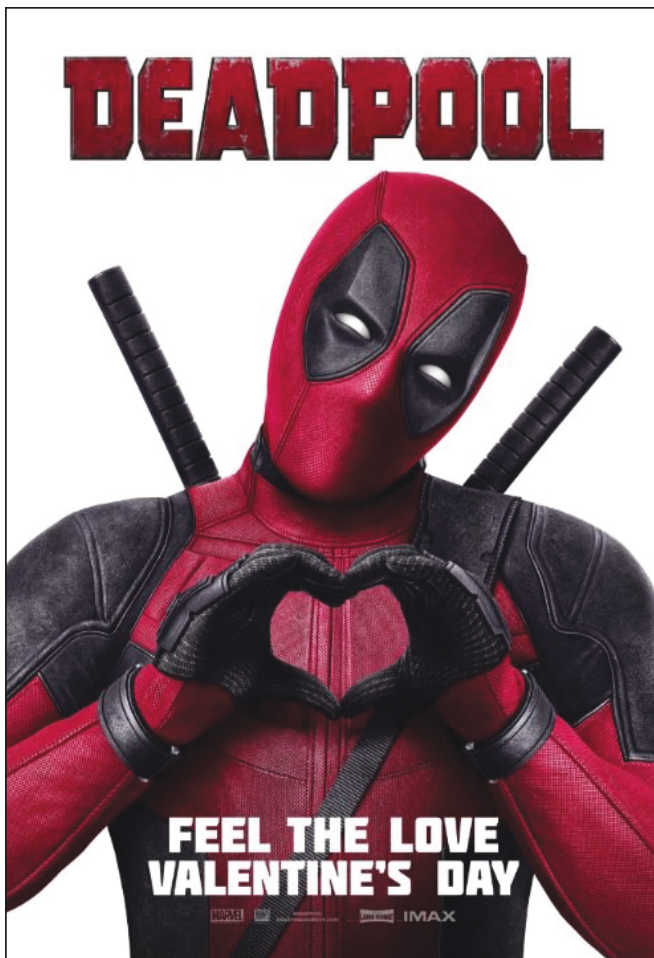
put it lightly. Deadpool is constantly and painfully aware of "the fourth wall," the divide between the audience and the story at hand. He has a hilarious habit of shattering that wall completely by being aware that he is in a comic book/movie, as well as addressing the audience directly at points. This makes

for some zany jokes and situations that he takes in stride, leaving the audience in stitches from laughing so hard.

This movie tells the origin story with a few tweaks here and there and sees Deadpool attempting to chase down the man who turned him into what he is today. Deadpool is also put at odds with the X-Men, or to be more specific, the "ones that the studio could afford" as Deadpool puts it. He is having to deal with Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead attempting to recruit him as an X-Man and prevent him from going on killing sprees as he is wont to do.

The entire tone and the feelings in the movie are ripped straight out of a classic Deadpool story, and Ryan Reynolds was born to play the lovable idiot. Deadpool's trademark quirky, witty, nonstop humor permeates the entire film, making for an enjoyable experience for hardcore Deadpool fans and those who enjoy humorous movies as well. This is a movie that Ryan Reynolds has been personally wanting to realize for a while. He had been petitioning Fox to let him make this movie since the abysmal portrayal of the character in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." Needless to say, Reynolds got his wish. He put so much energy and charisma into his performance that a sequel was announced before the movie even premiered, and now that the movie has shattered records for R-rated movies as a whole, it is almost certain that Reynolds will put on the red suit again very soon.

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David Huang

Entertainment Editor Emeritus

"Reassembly" is a custom ship building game, this time in the two dimensional tradition of Battle-ships Forever. This one is by Anisoptera Games, and was released in February of 2015.

In "Reassembly," the player begins the game as a single ship in space, with a few space stations under their control to serve as resource trading and respawn points. Right from the start, the player has a limited palette of parts that they can use to customize their ship.

The customization is one of the most interesting parts of "Reassembly," since there are multiple factions with multiple different parts they can use in building. Every part has a role, be it power generation, shielding, armor, weapons, or propulsion. It's even possible to make ships that spawn ships that spawn ships that... yeah.

The entire purpose of Reassembly is to use your ship and/or fleet in order to conquer the universe. As you blow up other people's ships and gather resources, you get to face off against other forces trying to take over the universe. That's where things really get fun.

One of the most interesting things about "Reassembly" lays in the composition of other forces. See, while the game does include a multitude of factions with various default ships, the greatest danger

you face is actually fleets made by other people. The game features wormholes, which are used to upload your fleet into the collective where it is sent out to universes all over the world. So, wandering around the universe, you'll often encounter space that is controlled by another player's fleet, helpfully labeled with their game name.

This really helps keep the game interesting and dynamic, since it's not just about facing off with the same old enemy fleets all the time, but instead the player gets to face off ships designed by other intelligent people. The game seems to scale the difficulty of incoming fleets fairly well, but also tells you that the difficulty increases as you go near the center of the universe.

Other than that, there's really very little to the game. There's not really a story, you just start as a ship and go on to do ship things. You can also do space station things if the sedentary life is more appealing to you too. I will say that after 13 hours of gameplay, I still haven't finished exploring just the starting faction of the game yet, and you can play as any of the factions that you want.

Overall, "Reassembly" is a fun game that lets you face off against other real people on your own time. It does lack story entirely, which somewhat detracts from the experience. On the whole, Reassembly is a very interesting game with an interesting community.

4/5 Rosies

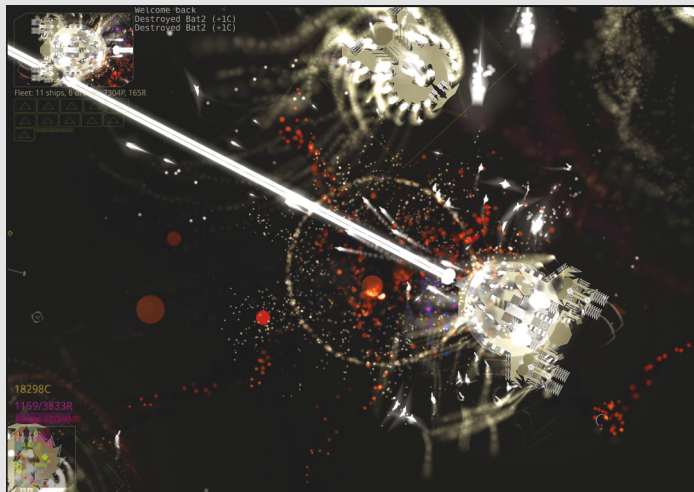


Reassembly



Build a ship

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And then fight other ships

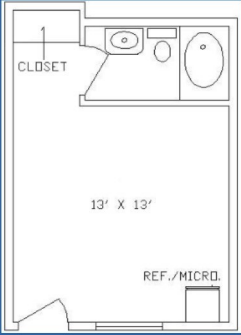
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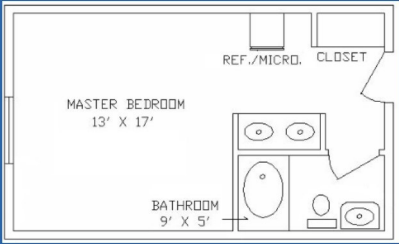


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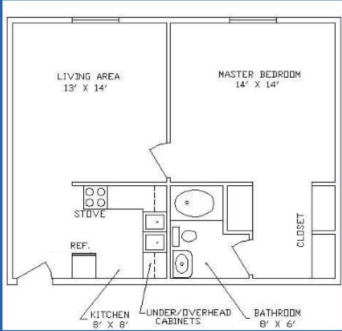
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904 S. 6th St. #4 - A unique space with loft bedroom, open kitchen and living room with brick wall.

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930 S. 6th St. #B – This is a uniquely created basement apartment that offers ample natural light and privacy. The newly renovated apartment gives you a spacious living and kitchen area with plenty of square footage in the bedroom along with a brand new bathroom.

708 S. 6th St. #2 – The wonderful oak fireplace mantel, stained glass windows, wood floors, enclosed back porch and lots of closet space make for an amazing living area in this one bedroom.

720 S. 6th St. #B - Great one-bedroom with lots of closet space & large kitchen. Utilities included.

1027 S. 4th St. #2 – Lovely, spacious one bedroom featuring a large bedroom and closet newly updated kitchen with dishwasher. Price includes utilities. It is going to go fast!

1031 S. 4th St. #3 – This one bedroom features a roomy bathroom and bedroom, open kitchen/living room, laundry close by and private entrance.

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1031 S. 4th St., #4 – This two bedroom has two large bedrooms and open kitchen, living room with lots of natural light – laundry next door.

THREE BEDROOM UNITS
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700 S. 5th St. # 4 – This 2 story 3 bedroom apartment, offers a kitchen, living room, bath, 3 large bedrooms, and a sitting area! Price also includes all utilities – a great find for your college apartment.

708 S. 6th St. #5 - This is an amazing apartment with large bathroom, and lots of storage/closet space in each bedroom. The kitchen opens up into the living room with a snack bar. Includes gas, water and sewage.

FOUR BEDROOM UNITS
529 S. 6th St – Conveniently located close to downtown & ISU. Four bedrooms, one bathroom, large living room and dining room & laundry. Front porch and back yard with carport

1027 S. 4th St. #3 – This conveniently located unit recently went through a complete renovation... This two story apartment offers four spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms and a great kitchen design with new appliances including a dishwasher.

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515 Crawford – This carriage house has three bedrooms, laundry and bathroom on the first floor. The second floor has a large living room, kitchen, bath and two lofts! Water and sewage are included.

1122 S. 4th St – Five bedroom house with large bedrooms, two bathrooms large open living space, lovely hardwood floors, kitchen has nice appliances including duo washer and dryer. Private backyard with patio – perfect for entertaining.

911/913 S. 6th St. Duplex – This house features 10 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 3 full baths, 2 – ½ baths, laundry, beautiful woodwork and spacious living room. Nice backyard for outdoor entertaining plus more.

1139 S. 6th St – Newly renovated kitchen dishwasher, washer and dryer. This is perfect for a large group of friends – features 8 bedrooms, 2 full kitchens, 3 full baths, 2 – ½ baths, hardwood flooring, nice private yard and lovely front porch.

Ask the Staff

What is your favorite super hero?

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Lauren Santichen, Flipside Editor

It's a tie between Iron Man and Batman, mainly due to which 'verse we're talking about. Iron Man is the coolest engineer I know, but Batman has 12 doctorate degrees and knows basically every martial art known to man. Put him in a suit, and he'd be invincible. I've heard that he actually has plans to kill any member of the Justice League, just in case they go bad.

Mark Rodgers, Opinions Editor

Deadpool

Amaryllis Biduaka, Lifestyle Editor

I've always enjoyed watching Iron Man's movies the most out of all the Avengers.



There are plenty of superheroes to chose.

Photo by klce.com

Lauren Wiseman, News Editor

Iron Man or Captain Literally.

Jason Latimer, Copy Editor

Batman, duh. I could talk about how his philosophy, willpower, and incredible feats inspire me on a persona level, but instead I'll just ask you this: do you see all those hot villain chicks who hit on him?

Marc Schmitt, News Editor

My favorite superhero is The Flash because who doesn't love The Flash!

David Huang, Entertainment Editor

Superman, because he's supposed to be better than human.

Bethany Martin Editor-in-Chief

My favorite superhero is Captain America. And not because Chris Evans is Captain America, but it helps.

Ask the Staff

What did you do for Valentine's Day?

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Lauren Santichen, Flipside Editor

Let's see, for Valentine's Day I got up, ate breakfast, and went to church. Then I came back, worked on the Flipside page, ate some lunch, did some homework, made meatballs and spaghetti, and then did more homework. Pretty much a normal Sunday for me.

Amaryllis Biduaka, Lifestyle Editor

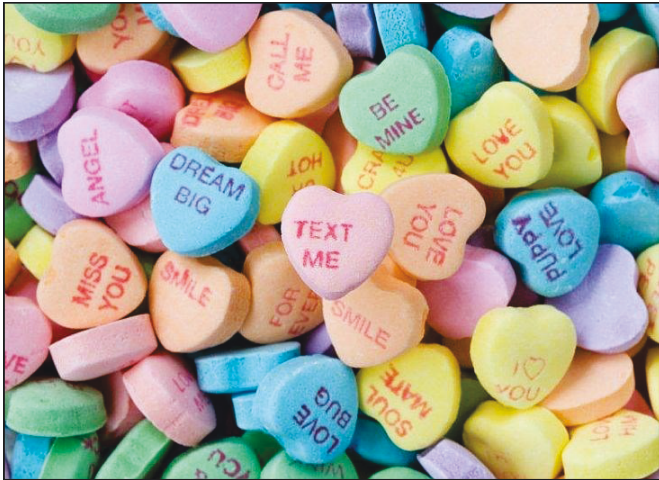
I allowed myself to sleep in and made the most delicious breakfast for myself to enjoy. I'll be spending the whole day in meetings to finish projects.

Jason Latimer, Copy Editor

I made a Nazi-themed Valentine's Day card in MS Paint. ... That's normal, right?

Mark Rodgers, Opinions Editor

Deadpool



Valentine's day is all about showing how much you care.

Photo by theinvictusgroupinc.com

Marc Schmitt, News Editor

I cooked myself a wonderful meal, and wished that it was not tenth week.

David Huang, Entertainment Editor

I slept in, discovered that my parents took all my wintering gear out of my car, cleaned off my car with an umbrella, went to a Senior Design meeting, cleaned off my car with an umbrella, went to a Rose Thorn meeting, cleaned off my car with an umbrella, ate dinner didn't do homework ,and slept.

Taylor Marconi, Photo Editor

Homework

Bethany Martin, Editor-in-Chief

I spent Valentine's Day watching terrible movies on the couch with my fiancé.

Cilantro Lime Chicken

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Recipe courtesy of rasamalaysia.com

If you're looking for a new dish to spice up your dinner this is the dish for you.

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs. of deboned chicken thighs, skin on
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves of minced garlic
- 4 tablespoons of finely chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons of lime juice
- 1 teaspoon of red chili flakes
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 oven-safe skillet (or oven safe baking dish)



This chicken is a great dish for those cold winter nights.

Photo courtesy of rasamalaysia.com

- Preheat the oven to 375°F.
- Combine the olive oil, garlic, cilantro, lime juice, red chili flakes, and salt into a large bowl and mix together.
- Add the chicken to the bowl and marinate it for 15 minutes to two hours, depending on the time you have for the dish.
- Heat up a skillet and fry the chicken with the skin side down until lightly brown.
- Turn the chicken over until the other side is slightly brown.
- Place the skillet (or oven-safe dish) with chicken into the oven and bake for 20 minutes, or until the chicken is fully cooked.

Cabbage and Chicken Stir-Fry

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Recipe courtesy of pomanmeals.com

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
- 3 chicken breasts cut into cubes
- Seasoned salt
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 1 whole head of cabbage
- 3 cloves of minced garlic
- ½ onion, diced
- ½ bell pepper, diced
- 1 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon of onion powder
- 1 teaspoon of paprika



This is a great dinner option that will use up vegetables.

Photo courtesy of Pomanmeals.com

- Preheat an oiled skillet over high heat.
- Once the skillet is hot, add the chicken breasts. Allow the chicken to sear by not moving it for a couple minutes.
- Season the chicken with salt and pepper. When the chicken is cooked, place the chicken on a separate plate.
- Add butter to the pan. Place the cabbage, fresh garlic, onions, and bell pepper in the skillet.
- Add the onion powder, garlic powder, and paprika.
- Sauté the combination of the ingredients over high heat until they are done.
- Add the chicken back in until all ingredients are combined.

Federal Fever

Nationalized Issues Kill Progress and Freedom

Thaddeus Hughes

Opinions Editor

Not a day passes that you can go through social media or news and not see someone protesting an issue that someone faces in their life. That isn’t the problem; how they want to fix it is. Nine times out of ten, you know what their solution is: get as many people involved, the highest levels of government, and the most legislation.

This should be completely inane. You wouldn’t call the FBI over a house robbery, much like you wouldn’t call FEMA over a house fire. The logic is exactly the same when it comes to policy: the appropriate entity should be called upon, not the one with the most power.

There’s rarely an appeal for individuals to go out and do something of their own volition (aside from maybe, say, signing a petition). Practically never is there a call for state governments to reform an issue. Getting involved with local government is almost scoffed at as unimportant and a waste of time.

Anyone who’s given the Constitution any thought would be able to tell you immediately that the U.S. federal government is by design a clunky, slow entity designed to do a few express things well. A system of checks and balances is designed to bring bills up for scrutiny in minute detail after minute detail.

This can work extraordinarily well, but presently the U.S. governmental system is bogged down by an immense number of issues

to juggle, ranging from welfare to war, academics to aviation. There simply is no longer enough time to examine all legislation with a critical eye. “We have to pass the bill to find out what’s in the bill,” as Senator Nancy Pelosi infamously said about Obamacare.

When it comes to your influence as a voter, it’s simple math. One voice in a thousand is much louder than one voice in a hundred million. Local votes matter much more and get you what you want more often than do federal ones.

Why do you think voters are so frustrated with politics? We’re a nation of 300 million individuals with competing interests, trying to vote between two ideas on how to run gov-

By taking issues up to a federal level, we sacrifice our freedom of choice, our impact on community, and our control of politicians.

ernment. This nation was built upon the idea of strong local government for a reason- rather than a one-size-fits-all set of policies, we get one national set of policies, then 50 flavors of state government to choose from, then another 50 more county policies to choose,

then city-level policies to choose. By taking issues up to a federal level, we sacrifice our freedom of choice, our impact on our community, and our control of politicians.

Freedom and progress do not come from trying to legislate everything at the highest possible level. If we’re really going to move forwards as a country, we need to actually set issues aside and stop dealing with them on a federal level. Problems like tax loopholes, Federal Reserve reform, defense budget reform, and immigration can only be dealt with at a federal level. Definitions of marriage, environmental policy, infrastructure, healthcare, and aviation can all be dealt with faster, more efficiently, and with greater

accountability at a state or local level.

With almost every major issue being brought up to a federal level, it’s easy to get caught in the trap of voting based simply on what political direction is desired in the

country. However, ask yourself: “are the policies I’m looking for really worth the costs of implementing at the federal level, or should I look to a more efficient, accountable entity?”

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Pirates vs. Ninjas

Curtis Humm

Entertainment Editor

Let’s considered an age-old argument that has destroyed friendships and started blood feuds throughout the generations (and by generations, I really just mean the current one): pirates vs. ninjas.

On the one side, the ruthless marauders of the seven seas, complete with overly exaggerated South-Western English accents, a bevy of missing limbs, removed optical organs, and alcohol to spare. On the other side, the feudal Japanese equivalent of Jason Borne, Seal Team Six, and Batman, with a side order of Waldo for flavor, complete with esoteric martial arts, trademark throwing stars, and short-range teleportation despite numerous objections from the laws of physics.

By now, it should be rather obvious which side of the debate I reside within.

For the sake of a formal argument, let’s compare our pop-culture contenders over three categories: skill sets, moral character, and close with a sadly myth-taken comparison.

Squaring off for our first hurdle, we find that a pirate, according to Merriam-Webster, can be defined as “someone who attacks and steals from a ship at sea.” Surprisingly easy job requirements. If we consult Webster once more, we find that a ninja is a “person trained in ancient Japanese martial arts and employed especially for espionage and assassinations.” So by literal definition, a ninja is a trained combatant with a specific area of expertise, whilst a pirate can be anyone who happens to be carrying an edged implement on a boat.

If we take a less dogmatic based look at the two, we are comparing assassins who stereotypically spend years training in secluded mountains to sailors who have spent years imbibing copious amount of rum in seedy island ports. Ninjas are famous for their nigh invisibility, bare-handed blade blocks, and ability to run up and down vertical surfaces; pirates are famous for forcing bound prisoners to walk off a glorified diving board, operating flintlocks, and boozy womanizing.

Entering the second round we look at: moral character. Traditionally, a ninja performs assassination and espionage in the service of some form of clan head, daimyo, lord, or ideal. Not exactly the kind of Job you want your mother to know about, but at least it’s technically legal from certain angles, in a black ops “We disavow all knowledge of your actions upon capture, but until then your record’s squeaky clean” sort of way.

Pirates, on the other hand, pillage, commandeer, and force one-way diving board trips on sailors for the money, the kind of job you really don’t want your mother finding out about. Now, that’s not to say there were no exceptions to the



A Pirate... and a Ninja

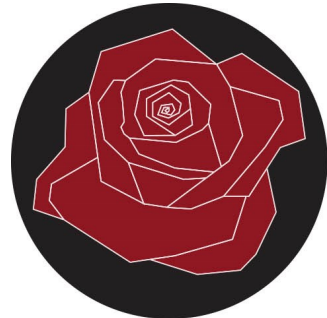
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rule; sea dogs of the 17th century hit the Spanish Armada and accompanying merchant vessels for Queen and Country, but unless your name is Sir Francis Drake, I’m going to have to cede this round to the boys and girls in black.

Now let’s consider our final round: the popular myth. Barring the hooked hand, one of the most common symbols of piracy in media has been the eye patch. A shorthand symbol for a tough-as-nails character, the eye patch proves the character in question has seen combat, lived through a beating, and is still in the game. Or at least it would, if not for the fact that actual pirates used the eye patch to cover an eye while above decks so that one would not suffer impaired vision when heading below decks. You merely removed the patch and enjoyed your preserved night vision. Pragmatic, but not nearly as cool.

The ninja myth-conception on the other hand, is the very outfit of the Ninja’s are depicted. Ninjas did not in fact wear midnight silk onesies; that particular iconic body suit was worn by the stage hands at traditional Kabuki theatres. Traditional Japanese audiences were conditioned to ignore the figures in black as they performed special effects on stage, so if in the course of the play one of those stage hands struck down an actor, he was clearly killed by an invisible force. The fact that every picture of a ninja printed actually reinforces their reputation as veritable ghosts wins the ninjas their hat trick.

While I doubt any given article will end a conflict as “ancient” as pirates vs. ninjas, I hope I have given you something to think about when it comes to your pop-cultured warrior of choice. Of course, the logical conclusion would be a pirate crew of ninjas, but since when did logic factor into pirates vs. ninjas?



FIFTEEN STRAIGHT WINS

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

For the second time in Rose history, the women's basketball team has 20 wins under its belt in a season. A 55-50 win over Manchester University Saturday stretched the win streak to 15 games and keeps the Engineers in contention for an HCAC title in a first-place tie with Bluffton.

Junior Josie Schmidt kept the offense steady with 10 points, a team-high on the day. Schmidt was joined by junior Jamie Loving, freshman Brianna Gliemann, and sophomore Alyzia Dilworth, who all came off the bench to add eight, six, and six points, respectively, to round out the top scorers on the day. Freshman Ally

Bromenschenkel grabbed seven rebounds, six of them coming on the offensive side of the court. Loving grabbed four boards of her own in another strong offensive rebounding effort (three of her four were offensive

other dominant quarter sent the Engineers into half with a 28-13 lead.

The third quarter was where the Engineers finally started to face resistance, as Manchester got behind Samantha Bolen's seven points to

help the Spartans towards a 26-point quarter.

Manchester would get as close as 50-47, but a strong Rose defense would keep everything in check as time expired and Dilworth and senior Cassidy Cain would drain their final free throws of the day to secure the final 55-50 margin.

Rose will finish up its season at home as it plays Anderson Wednesday and Defiance Saturday. Winning out would give the Engineers a 22-3 record, which would be the single highest in school history. Be sure to get to both games and help give your Engineers everything you've got as they fight to keep their first-place ranking.

The final score is a poor indicator of how the game truly went.

rebounds).

The close final score is a poor indicator of how the game truly went – Rose absolutely destroyed the Spartans in the first quarter after holding them to just two points, and then an-

whittle down the lead to 14.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter, however, that the Spartans really found their groove. Bolen knocked down another seven points, and Katie Arterburn notched six of her own to

Headed To Conference

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

The Rose-Hulman men's basketball team is conference tournament-bound after clinching its sixth consecutive winning season Saturday by beating Manchester University 77-75.

The high-powered offense that shot 51.7 percent (30-58) from the field was led primarily by the seniors. Jimmy Miller and Dillon Reynolds combined for 15 and 14 points respectively, and fellow seniors Tyler Duffy, Mitch Williams, and Matt Loesing each added eight points to the mix.

Sophomore Stephen Schueth and Duffy led the team in rebounds with six in a game where

Rose outrebounded the Spartans 34-29, and Duffy rounded out his performance by dishing eight assists on the day.

The game was pretty tightly contested in the first half as both teams spread the ball around quite a bit – four players on each team had at least five points, and nobody scored double-digits. Rose was led by Reynolds' nine points and Miller's seven but also relied on Schueth, Duffy, and Miller's combined

knocked down 17 field goals on their way to 54.8 percent shooting. Manchester's offense began to rely more and more on Adrian Johnson (who finished with a game-high 23 points) and Brady Dolezal to keep things close.

Rose nabbed an eight point lead with four minutes left, but the Spartans would go on to battle back to a 77-75 deficit with 20 seconds left. In the final effort to force overtime, Brady Dolezal's layup would fall to the left, and Rose would grab the rebound to secure the victory.

The Engineers now stand at 14-9 overall and 11-5 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play, one behind the first-place tie between Mount St. Joseph and Defiance.

Rose travels to Anderson Wednesday and comes home to play Defiance in the final regular season game in an absolutely critical game, so make sure to come out and support your Fightin' Engineers this Saturday at 3 p.m.

The high-powered offense shot 51.7 percent from the field

10 rebounds as Rose took a very slight 35-33 lead into the half.

The second half was largely the same landscape. Rose's offense turned on the jets and

CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

Champions once again! Rose-Hulman men's swim/dive team won its second straight CCIW championship Saturday after three days of competition in Wisconsin. The Engineers earned 883 points to just barely edge Carthage, who finished second with

Martin, Stone, Hintz, and sophomore Cam Gill would join up to take second in the 800-freestyle relay, just two-hundredths of a second behind first place. Martin, Gill, Bartine, and sophomore Tyler Sariscsany would also earn second in their 200-freestyle relay and the 200-medley.

On the women's side, the team scored 416 points, good for fourth behind Wheaton, Carthage, and Illinois Wesleyan. Junior Ellie Hong led the way with a 200-backstroke victory, just barely behind her own school record with a time of 2:00.66.

Three school records fell on the women's side as the 200- and 400-medley and the 800-freestyle relay teams all set school records on the weekend.

The 200- and 400-medley teams consisted of Hong, junior Savannah Rice, sophomore Bethany Lefebber, and freshman Lauren Blake and placed fourth and third overall. Hong, Rice, Blake, and freshman Maria Kline placed fourth in the 800-freestyle relay. Kline would then go on to add a fifth-place performance in both the 500-free and 1,650-free.

Senior Sam Gould and freshman Regen Foote, who both won conference championships last weekend in diving, have qualified for the DIII Regionals in two weeks. The swimmers are currently waiting championship results before finding out who has qualified for the National Championships. Congratulations on a hugely successful season to both teams and best of luck to those continuing on.

First Place

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

Four first-place finishes propelled the men's track and field team to a first-place finish at the DePauw University Indoor Track and Field Invitational Saturday afternoon. After 19 events, the men's team scored 150 points to beat out second-place finisher Wabash, who scored 130.5. The women's team had 83 points, good for a fourth-place finish behind Rhodes, Anderson, and Franklin.

on the day included Himes again, this time in the shotput with a 49' 6 1/4" toss. Senior Joe Carroll placed third in the weight throw with a 46' 7 1/4", and the 4x200 team of sophomore Brayden Betz, freshman Travis Grisom, senior Gene Kum, and sophomore Nick Saulcy with a 1:35.40 time.

The lone first-place finish on the women's side was senior Addie Johnson, who won the 600-meter run with a time of 1:40.66.

Three women placed second in their events: sophomore Victoria

The lone women's first place was senior Addie Johnson.

Freshman David Borden ran a blistering 51.33-second 400-meter dash to earn the first victory on the day. Borden was then followed by senior Kevin Mauser, sophomore Josh Hennig, senior Brandon Loyer, and junior Brendon Mattiuz in the distance medley relay for another first-place finish.

On the field side, junior Nathan Green cleared 15' 3" in the pole vault, and sophomore Josh Himes notched a weight throw of 52' 4 3/4" to add two more victories to the mix. Runner-ups for the men were sophomore Matt Hill with a 4:25 mile and junior Charles Spaeth with a shotput of 50' 6 1/4".

The 4x400 team of seniors Brandon Bullitt and Brandon Stahl, sophomore John Evans, and junior Ben Wewe rounded out the second-place finishes on the day with a 3:35.71 time. Third place finishes for the men

Heckenlively (400-meter dash), freshman Kally Morozin (1,000-meter run), and sophomore Jaclyn Setina (high jump) all added runner-up finishes to bolster the women's score.

Four third-place finishes rounded out the podium finishes for Rose women. Freshman Lauren London added two of them on her own with marks of 9.89 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles and a 16' 2 1/4" leap in the long jump. Senior Mallory McDevitt took third with a 10' 2" pole vault, and the distance medley relay team of sophomore Camille Blaisdell, freshman Abby Hawkins, sophomore Emma Ross, and junior Emilie Hobbs ran a 13:49.37 to round out the top finishers.

Rose-Hulman track and field will participate in the HCAC championships next Saturday in Defiance, Ohio.

The Top 20 Nerdy Pick-

up lines

1. Were you forged by Sauron?
Because you are precious.

2. Would you like to see the expo-
nential growth of my natural
log?

3. I wish I was your second deriv-
ative so I could investigate your
concavities.

4. According to gravity, you are
attracted to me,

5. Are you the sqrt(-1)? Because
your beauty is imaginary.
6. We may be opposites, but we'd
make a great couple.

7. All your base are belong to us.

8. Are you an exothermic reac-
tion? Because you are making
me hawt.

9. Are you sitting on an F5 key?
'cause your ass is refreshing.

10. My servers never go down,
but I do.

11. You must have your phasers
set to stunning.

12. Wanna expand my polynomial?

13. I'd enjoy doing your systems
analysis.
14. You have nicer legs than an
isosceles triangle.

15. Concrete isn't the only thing
that's hard.

16. You're hotter than the bottom
of my laptop.

17. I'm harder than a thermos
test.

18. Babe, your sign must be $\pi/2$,
because you are the one!

19. It won't be complex with me,
I'll keep it real.

20. Do you have eleven pro-
tons? Because you're sodi-
um fine.

WACKY PROF
QUOTES

"I should call this class 'Paranormal Activ-
ity in Virtual Images.' I bet enrollment
would go through the roof then."

-Dr. Bunch

*That's a great idea, Professor! Will there
be 3D glasses?*

"If you are into that kind of masochism,
I'll be in my office 9th hour and you can
come down and meet with me."

-Dr. Tarrant

See you there, Sir.
"We're this big, aqueous thing walking
around."

-Dr. Mueller

*Aqueous is good. Be the aqueous, taste
the aqueous.*

"This looks like a Borg ship in shape."

-Dr. Wheeler

You will be assimilated.

"With protein, it doesn't matter what you
get it from, a cow or a cadaver."

-Dr. Mueller

*I think the cow would have something to
say about that.*

"I'll go with a divining rod... look for wa-

ter..."

-Dr. Doering

*Good to know that we only get the best
equipment here at Rose.*

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just great out of context? We want to here
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